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Introduction

The second year of the 2005/2006 legislative session was again significantly impacted by California's economic situation. Although the State's fiscal condition improved in large part due to higher than anticipated revenue collections, a deficit remained and fiscal constraints meant that numerous proposals died in fiscal committees because of their potential cost to the State. The State will likely experience a continuing deficit that will affect policy decisions in the coming year. As we approach a new legislative session, the impact of potential budget cuts on programs and services for women and their families, particularly the underserved, will remain among the Commission's top priorities.

Our 2006 legislative agenda included 84 priority bills and resolutions. Of that number, we supported 74 measures and opposed 10. The Legislature sent 36 of our priority support bills to the Governor. He signed 25 of those into law and vetoed 11. The Legislature also approved 10 of our priority resolutions (the Governor does not take action on these measures). Measures opposed by the Commission would have negatively impacted a woman's right to choose, access to public assistance under CalWORKs, rights of lesbian and gay public school students, and access to important financial information in divorce cases. None of these measures reached the Governor's desk. Important measures signed by the Governor address increasing the minimum wage, improving outcomes for foster youth, providing social services to immigrant survivors of human trafficking, and strengthening the spousal rape law.

During 2006, the Commission monitored approximately 300 bills for potential impact on California women and their families. This "Summary" highlights those bills that were signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Most of these laws became effective on January 1, 2007. If indicated as an "urgency" measure, the bill generally becomes effective immediately upon the Governor's signature. Resolutions, which do not have the force of law, are assigned a chapter number by the Secretary of State when passed by the Legislature, but do not require the Governor's signature. The Commission's priority support measures are noted by an *asterisk.

Bill histories, committee analyses and voting records on any of these measures can be obtained by visiting www.leginfo.ca.gov. For more information on the Commission, contact us at 916-445-3173, or visit our website at www.women.ca.gov.

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Child/Other Dependent Care

AB 172 Chan
Child care: state preschool programs

Chapter 211

Appropriates \$55 million for expenditure by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer child development and preschool programs and other programs.

AB 633 Benoit
Child day care facilities: licensing

Chapter 545

Requires every child day care facility licensed by the California Department of Social Services (DSS) to post a public copy of any licensing report as well as any other public licensing documentation regarding investigations, conferences or intent to revoke the facility's license.

AB 1979 Bass
Community care facilities: criminal record information: fees

Chapter 382

Clarifies that volunteer candidates for mentoring children in foster care settings must comply with provisions for criminal background investigations, and prohibits the state Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Social Services (DSS) from charging fees for the cost of the investigations.

AB 2195 Bass
Foster caregivers: placement options

Chapter 383

Establishes procedures for emergency assessment and approval of relatives or non-relative extended family members as caregivers when the primary foster caregiver becomes unable to provide care.

AB 2196 Spitzer
Child day care: information: registered sex offenders

Chapter 208

Requires child care facilities to give parents information regarding Internet-based state websites that contain information about registered sex offenders.

AB 2216 Bass
Child Welfare Leadership and Performance Accountability Act of 2006

Chapter 384

Creates the California Child Welfare Council, within the California Health and Human Services Agency, to improve the collaboration and processes of the multiple agencies and courts that serve children in the child welfare and foster care systems.

SB 436 Migden
Foster care: transitional housing

Chapter 629

Requires any county that provides transitional housing placement services for foster youth to report in its annual Independent Living Program report a description of currently available transitional housing resources in relation to the number of emancipating pregnant or parenting foster youth in the county, and a plan for meeting any unmet transitional housing needs of the emancipating pregnant or parenting foster youth.

SB 1248 Alquist
Long-term health care facilities: resident rights

Chapter 530

Applies existing federal patient rights regulations to all residents in skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes regardless of the facilities funding source.

SB 1667 Kuehl
Dependent children

Chapter 389

Facilitates foster parent involvement in dependency review hearings by requiring social workers to serve a copy of the Judicial Council Caregiver Information Form and instructions on how to file the form along with a summary of recommendations regarding the foster child. Additionally, foster parents and other individuals are authorized to attend and provide written evidence in post permanency planning hearings.

Economic Security

* **AB 1835** Lieber
Minimum wage

Chapter 230

Increases the minimum wage to \$7.50 per hour effective January 1, 2007 and to \$8.00 per hour effective January 1, 2008.

* **AB 2466** Daucher
CalWORKs eligibility: welfare-to-work activities and excluded assets

Chapter 781

Excludes retirement and college savings accounts as countable resources for purposes of CalWORKs eligibility, allowing those who experience a financial crisis to receive CalWORKs benefits without depleting certain accounts needed for future financial security.

*** SJR 27** Bowen
Equal Pay Day

Resolution Chapter 40

Proclaims April 25, 2006, as Equal Pay Day in California, and urges the Congress of the United States to protect the right of all American women to receive equal pay for equal work and to continue to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of gender.

Education

*** AB 680** Chan
English language learners

Chapter 706

Enhances opportunities for limited-English-proficient parents to participate meaningfully in their children's education by requiring the State Department of Education to monitor public schools' compliance with regulations requiring school notices and documents to be in languages other than English.

AB 2813 De La Torre ***Chapter 822***
Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Act

Raises the age of eligibility in the California Community College Transfer Entitlement Program (CCCTEP) to allow students under the age of 28 (instead of 24) to be considered for a Cal Grant.

SB 562 Torlakson ***Chapter 301***
Physical education: California Interscholastic Federation

Extends the sunset provisions relating to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2012 and requires the CIF report to the Legislature to include gender equity in interscholastic athletics.

SB 1309 Scott ***Chapter 837***
Nursing education: grants: loan assumptions, and faculty recruiting and retention

Enacts an array of initiatives to address the nursing shortage in California including the: (1) Health Science Medical Technology Project; (2) Employees of State Facilities program in the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education; (3) California Community College (CCC) Nursing Faculty Recruitment and Retention Program; (4) Nursing Enrollment Growth and Retention Program; and among other provisions, (5) requires the CCC Chancellor's office to provide grants to fund regional Nursing Resource Centers.

Equality

*** AB 2800** Laird
Housing: discrimination

Chapter 578

Enacts the Civil Rights Housing Act of 2006, amending existing housing nondiscrimination provisions in California law to be consistent with the nondiscrimination provisions in the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA).

*** ACR 102** Oropeza
California Girls and Women in Sports Day

Resolution Chapter 8

Proclaims February 1, 2006 as California Girls and Women in Sports Day, commemorating the accomplishments of female athletes, coaches, officials, and sports administrators for their important contributions in promoting the value of sports participation in the achievement of full human potential.

ACR 115 Coto
Cesar Chavez Day

Resolution Chapter 14

Recognizes March 31, 2006, as the anniversary of the birth of Cesar Chavez, and calls upon all Californians to participate in appropriate observances to remember Cesar Chavez as a symbol of hope and justice to all persons.

*** ACR 127** Liu
Women's History Month

Resolution Chapter 22

Proclaims the month of March 2006 as Women's History Month and declares that the Legislature joins the California Commission on the Status of Women and the National Women's History Project in honoring the contributions of women.

AJR 37 Ridley-Thomas
Voting Rights Act of 1965

Resolution Chapter 59

Memorializes the Congress and President of the United States to extend the provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 that are set to expire in 2007.

*** SB 1441** Kuehl
Discrimination: state programs and activities: sexual orientation

Chapter 182

Expands the prohibition of discrimination in state operated or funded services, activities and programs to include actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity, ensuring fair and equal treatment in services provided with the assistance of public dollars.

SB 1827 Migden
Taxation: domestic partners

Chapter 802

Allows registered domestic partners to file personal state income tax returns, as either (1) married filing joint, or (2) married filing separate on the same terms as those governing spouses.

*** SCR 75** Alquist
Girl Scouts

Resolution Chapter 139

Commends the Girl Scouts for 94 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of confidence, courage, and character.

SCR 83 Alquist
Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

Resolution Chapter 45

Recognizes May 2006 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, commending Asian and Pacific Islander Americans for their notable accomplishments and outstanding service to the state.

SCR 84 Alquist
Older Americans Month

Resolution Chapter 54

Recognizes the month of May 2006 as Older Americans Month and encourages all Californians to promote and participate in activities and services that contribute to the health, welfare and independence of elder citizens.

SCR 88 Battin
California Hispanic Heritage Month

Resolution Chapter 70

Proclaims September 15 to October 15, 2006 as California Hispanic Heritage Month and encourages all Californians to observe this event in communities throughout the state.

SCR 89 Battin
Native Americans: California Indian Heritage Month

Resolution Chapter 71

Proclaims November 2006 as California Indian Heritage Month, encourages its observance with activities that celebrate our uniqueness as Americans, and commends California Indian nations for their outstanding contributions to this state.

*** SR 29** Romero
Relative to Senator Rose Ann Vuich

Adopted

Designates hearing room 2040 in the California State Capitol as the Rose Ann Vuich Hearing Room in honor of Senator Rose Ann Vuich, the first woman elected to the State Senate.

Family Law

AB 402 Dymally
Collaborative law: divorce proceedings

Chapter 496

Enacts the Collaborative Family Law Act which codifies an individual's right to use a collaborative law process to resolve any matter related to a marriage dissolution proceeding.

AB 2440 Klehs
Child support obligations: liability

Chapter 820

Makes any person or business entity that knowingly assists a child support obligor to escape, evade or avoid paying court-ordered child support liable for three times the value of the assistance provided, up to a maximum of the entire child support debt.

AB 2517 Tran
Minor children: grandparent visitation rights

Chapter 138

Allows grandparents to petition the court for visitation with their grandchild when the natural or adoptive parents are married and the grandchild has been adopted by a stepparent.

*** AB 2781** Leno
Child support collectors

Chapter 797

Enacts the Private Child Support Collectors Act to regulate the activities of private child support collectors and strengthen protections for parents who use the services of private collectors.

*** AB 2853** Salinas
Child custody matters: domestic violence education

Chapter 130

Requires initial and continuing domestic violence education for court counselors, evaluators, investigators and mediators involved in child custody matters.

SB 1325 Scott
Adoption

Chapter 806

Revises numerous aspects of adoption law, including those pertaining to assisted reproduction, felony convictions of parents, appearance by prospective adoptive parents and presumed father proceedings, in order to expedite the adoption process.

SB 1483 Alquist
Child support

Chapter 876

Creates a five-county pilot project to test an expedited child support modification procedure.

Health

*** AB 774** Chan
Hospitals: fair pricing policies

Chapter 755

Prevents hospital overcharging and provides consumer protections against unfair hospital billing and collections practices by requiring hospitals to develop discount payment and charity care policies for financially qualified self-pay patients.

AB 1591 Chan
Medi-Cal: nurse practitioners

Chapter 719

Requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to permit any certified nurse practitioner to bill Medi-Cal independently for his or her services.

AB 1851 Coto
Healthy Families Program: application assistance

Chapter 331

Permits a participating health, dental, or vision plan to continue providing application assistance directly to an applicant of the Healthy Families Program by deleting the current law's January 1, 2006 sunset date.

*** AB 1948** Montañez
Medi-Cal program: Healthy Families Program: Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

Chapter 332

Requires the Department of Health Services to study the use of an electronic application process to allow a person applying on behalf of a child the option to simultaneously pre-enroll and apply for enrollment in the Medi-Cal program or the Healthy Families Program over the Internet without submitting a follow-up paper application.

AB 1994 Leslie
Health records: minors: access

Chapter 100

Exempts a health care provider from liability when he or she does not make a minor's health records available for copying by the minor's adult representative because the provider has determined that access to the patient's records by the adult representative would have a detrimental effect on the provider's relationship with the minor.

AB 2280 Leno
Sexually transmitted diseases

Chapter 771

Permits a physician or nurse practitioner who diagnoses a sexually transmitted infection to prescribe, dispense or otherwise provide prescription antibiotic drugs to that patient's sexual partner or partners without examination.

AB 2560 Ridley-Thomas
Public School Health Center Support Program

Chapter 334

Requires the Department of Health Services, in cooperation with the California Department of Education, to establish a Public School Health Center Support Program.

AB 2609 Evans
Residential facilities for the elderly: employee training

Chapter 615

Increases required training for staff at Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly who assist residents with self-administration of medication.

AB 2911 Nuñez
California Discount Prescription Drug Program

Chapter 619

Establishes the California Discount Prescription Drug Program within the Department of Health Services to provide prescription drug discounts for specified uninsured or underinsured California residents.

ACR 112 Chan
Hepatitis B

Resolution Chapter 103

Encourages public health and medical officials to target Hepatitis B vaccination efforts toward Asian and Pacific Islander (API) American children to decrease the incidence rate of this disease in California's API communities.

ACR 114 Coto
Legislative Task Force on Diabetes and Obesity

Resolution Chapter 151

Establishes the Legislative Task Force on Diabetes and Obesity to study the factors contributing to the high rates of diabetes and obesity in Latinos, African Americans, Asian Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans in this country and requires the Task Force to prepare a report containing recommendations regarding ways to reduce the incidence of those debilitating conditions.

AJR 40 Chan
Medicare prescription drugs

Resolution Chapter 60

Urges Congress and the President of the United States to enact House Resolution 3861, "The Medicare Informed Choice Act of 2005".

SB 437 Escutia
Medi-Cal: provider reimbursement

Chapter 328

Declares the intent of the Legislature that all children in the state have health care coverage by December 1, 2010.

SB 912 Ducheny
Medi-Cal: provider reimbursement

Chapter 8

Eliminates the existing five-percent reduction in Medi-Cal provider payments.

SB 1245 Figueroa
Health care coverage: cervical cancer screening test

Chapter 482

Deems health care plans that provide coverage for cervical cancer screening to also provide coverage for a human papillomavirus (HPV) screening test approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

SB 1379 Perata
Biomonitoring

Chapter 599

Establishes the California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program to measure the presence and concentration of toxic chemicals in Californians.

SB 1448 Kuehl
Health care: Medi-Cal: uninsured persons

Chapter 76

Establishes a Health Care Coverage Initiative to expand health care coverage for uninsured Californians who are not eligible for existing public health insurance programs. The program will fund at least 5 county-based grants that meet the criteria and goals of the program.

* **SB 1469** Cedillo
Medi-Cal: eligibility: juvenile offenders

Chapter 657

Requires county juvenile detention facilities to notify county welfare departments about a ward who is scheduled to be released so that eligibility for Medi-Cal can be determined.

* **SB 1528** Bowen
Medi-Cal: covered services: pregnancy

Chapter 666

Requires home infusion treatments with tocolytic agents for pregnant women to be covered under the Medi-Cal program, subject to utilization controls and guidelines or protocols.

SB 1596 Runner
Nurse-Family Partnership program

Chapter 878

Establishes the Nurse-Family Partnership program to make grants to counties for the provision of voluntary registered nurse home visiting services for expectant first-time low-income mothers.

SB 1638 Figueroa
Midwives: advisory council: annual report

Chapter 536

Requires the Medical Board of California to create and appoint a Midwifery Advisory Council, and requires licensed midwives to make annual reports to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development regarding out-of-hospital births the midwife assisted in during the prior year.

SB 1851 Committee on Health
Cancer: informed consent

Chapter 485

Requires physicians and surgeons, upon a patient's diagnosis of breast cancer, to provide the patient with the written summary of the alternative efficacious methods of treatment for breast cancer currently required to be provided to physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California.

SCR 67 Speier
Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week

Resolution Chapter 28

Recognizes April 16 through April 22, 2006, as Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week.

SCR 70 Chesbro
Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Resolution Chapter 29

Declares the month of November to annually be Lung Cancer Awareness Month and encourages public officials and citizens to observe the month with appropriate activities and programs.

*** SCR 71** Romero
American Heart Month

Resolution Chapter 5

Recognizes February 2006 as American Heart Month in California in order to raise awareness of the effect of heart disease on women. Additionally, recognizes February 3, 2006, as Wear Red for Women Day in California and urges all citizens to become aware of vital issues of women's heart health by wearing and displaying the color red on that day.

*** SCR 76** Alquist
Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month

Resolution Chapter 41

Proclaims the month of October 2006 as Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month to promote greater awareness of breast cancer and the need for early detection, appropriate treatment, and the importance of finding a cure and means of prevention.

SCR 86 Alquist
Assisted Living Week

Resolution Chapter 120

Proclaims the week of September 10 to September 16, 2006, as Assisted Living Week, and encourages all Californians to visit friends and loved ones who reside in assisted living communities and to learn more about this valuable service.

SCR 87 Alquist
Health Care Decisions Week

Resolution Chapter 121

Recognizes October 30 through November 5, 2006, as Health Care Decisions Week in California and encourages Californians to think about and talk with loved ones about their wishes for medical care.

Reproductive Health

AB 2251 Evans

Chapter 486

Reproductive health care services: confidentiality of personal information

Seeks to protect the personal safety of reproductive health care providers, employees, volunteers, and patients by prohibiting the posting of such individuals' personal information on the Internet with the intent to cause a threat or to incite another to cause great bodily harm.

AB 2583 Nation

Chapter 487

Dispensing prescription drugs and devices: refusal to dispense

Requires the Board of Pharmacy to include, within an existing consumer notice, a statement that describes a patient's right to timely access to prescribed drugs and devices, even if a pharmacist refuses to dispense based on ethical, moral, or religious grounds.

*** SB 603** Ortiz

Chapter 481

Anti-reproductive rights crimes

Requires the California Commission on the Status of Women to convene an advisory committee responsible for reporting on implementation of California's Reproductive Rights Law Enforcement Act, which establishes reporting requirements for the Freedom of Access to Clinic and Church Entrances Act (FACE).

SB 1260 Ortiz

Chapter 483

Stem cell research and egg donation

Deletes the sunset dates of certain provisions in existing law relating to the derivation or use of human embryonic stem cell research, and establishes guidelines relating to egg donation for stem cell research funded outside of Proposition 71.

*** SB 1555** Speier
Umbilical cord blood banking: education

Chapter 484

Requires the State Department of Health Services to conduct the Umbilical Blood Community Awareness Campaign to provide awareness, assistance, and information regarding umbilical cord blood banking options.

Violence

AB 525 Chu
Child Abuse Reporting

Chapter 701

Conforms the procedures for authorized reporting of child abuse or neglect involving emotional damage to existing procedures applicable to mandated child abuse reporting.

AB 1015 Chu
Sex Offender Management Board

Chapter 338

Creates a Sex Offender Management Board under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to assess current management practices for adult registered sex offenders and report to the Legislature.

AB 1787 Cohn
Protective orders: service

Chapter 82

Clarifies that an emergency protective order is valid only if issued by a judicial officer after making required findings and pursuant to a request by a law enforcement officer.

AB 1849 Leslie
Sex offenders: Megan's Law database

Chapter 886

Requires that the Department of Justice shall, on or before July 1, 2010, add the following information to the Megan's Law database that is publicly available on the Internet: (1) year of the conviction of the offender's last sexual offense; (2) year of release from incarceration for that offense; and (3) whether he or she was subsequently incarcerated for any other felony.

AB 1900 Lieu
Sex offenders: registration

Chapter 340

Precludes a person who is required to register as a sex offender for a crime against a child from employing children or working with children as an independent contractor.

*** AB 1942** Nava
Arrests; child caretakers

Chapter 729

Requires development of guidelines and training for use by state and local law enforcement officers to address issues related to child safety when a caretaker parent or guardian is arrested.

AB 1996 Bogh
Testimony: sexual offenses: witnesses

Chapter 225

Prevents inadmissible personal information of previous rape victims who are called to testify in a later proceeding from being available to the public.

*** AB 2051** Cohn
Domestic violence

Chapter 856

Establishes a \$23 domestic partnership registration fee and the Equality in Prevention and Services for Domestic Abuse Fund for the deposit and use of those fees to provide training and services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) victims of domestic violence.

*** AB 2084** Karnette
Domestic violence shelter based programs

Chapter 857

Re-designates "domestic violence centers" as "domestic violence shelter-based programs" for purposes of funding under the Domestic Violence Center Act and re-defines domestic violence to include abuse by "cohabitants."

AB 2129 Spitzer
Restraining Orders: relinquishment of firearms

Chapter 474

Requires a person subject to a protective order to surrender within 24 hours any firearm in that person's possession or control and to file with the court a receipt showing the firearm was surrendered.

*** AB 2139** Garcia
Emergency protective orders

Chapter 479

Requires law enforcement officers who respond to domestic violence calls to inform victims of their right to request an Emergency Protective Order.

*** AB 2169** Montañez
Confidentiality of public records: Safe At Home program

Chapter 475

Extends until January 1, 2013, the sunset date for the Safe at Home program, an address confidentiality program administered by the Secretary of State for victims of domestic violence and stalking.

AB 2615 Tran
Information relating to victims of sex offenses

Chapter 92

Adds county probation officers to the list of law enforcement officers who may obtain victim identification information in sex offense cases for the purpose of conducting official business.

*** AB 2695** Goldberg
Domestic violence: probation conditions

Chapter 476

Extends the sunset date, to January 1, 2010, for the \$400 fee imposed on a person convicted of domestic violence to support domestic violence centers, the Domestic Violence Restraining Order Reimbursement Fund, and the Domestic Violence Training and Education Fund.

AB 2705 Spitzer
Victims of crime: information card

Chapter 94

Encourages the distribution of a "Victim's Rights Card" in jurisdictions in which they are available by authorizing law enforcement officers to provide such information.

*** AB 2875** Pavley
Confidential settlement agreements: sex offenses

Chapter 151

Protects public safety by prohibiting confidential settlement agreements that shield acts of sexual misconduct in civil actions arising from sex offenses.

AB 2893 Mountjoy
Sex offenders: child custody and visitation

Chapter 207

Clarifies that before physical or legal custody of, or unsupervised visitation with, a child is granted to specified registered sex offenders and those who reside with specified registered sex offenders, the court must first state in writing or on the record the reasons for its finding that there is no significant risk to the child.

*** ACR 99** Cohn
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Resolution Chapter 130

Proclaims the month of October 2006 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

*** ACR 106** Yee
The White Ribbon Campaign

Resolution Chapter 10

Encourages participation in the White Ribbon Campaign which urges men to show their support for ending men's violence against women, raises awareness of the problem in the community, conducts educational work in schools, workplaces and communities, and supports organizations that address the consequences of violence against women.

*** ACR 109** Montañez
Teen dating violence

Resolution Chapter 11

Proclaims the week of February 6-10, 2006 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week.

SB 585 Kehoe
Protective orders: firearms

Chapter 467

Requires a person subject to a protective order to immediately surrender any firearm in that person's possession or control and to file with the court a receipt showing the firearm was surrendered.

*** SB 1062** Bowen
Confidentiality of public records: Safe At Home program

Chapter 639

Adds sexual assault victims to California's Safe at Home program which protects victims of domestic violence and stalking from being compelled to disclose confidential address information.

SB 1128 Alquist
Sex Offender Punishment, Control, and Containment Act of 2006

Chapter 337

Enacts the Sex Offender Punishment, Control, and Containment Act of 2006 to provide a comprehensive approach to preventing victimization of Californians by sex offenders.

SB 1178 Speier
Sex offenders: SARATSO and continuous electronic monitoring

Chapter 336

Requires every person required to register as a sex offender to be subject to assessment using the State Authorized Risk Assessment Tool for Sex Offenders (SARATSO) and every high-risk adult male registered sex offender to be continuously electronically monitored while on probation or parole.

*** SB 1402** Kuehl
Spousal rape

Chapter 45

Brings California's spousal rape law into conformity with other rape statutes by removing provisions requiring an allegation of spousal rape to have been reported previously or corroborated by independent evidence in order to be prosecuted.

SB 1491 Kuehl
Domestic violence: personal information

Chapter 54

Prohibits entities that award or distribute grants to agencies providing services to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking victims from requesting or requiring that these providers disclose personally identifying information about their clients as a condition of receiving the grant.

*** SB 1569** Kuehl
Human services: immigrants

Chapter 672

Provides access to social services for immigrant survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and other serious crimes, while they are waiting for processing from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

*** SB 1743** Bowen
Victims of crime

Chapter 689

Waives the public notice requirement for domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking victims enrolled in the Safe at Home program who are petitioning the court for a name change.

SCR 97 Battin
Victims of crime

Resolution Chapter 18

Acknowledges the month of April 2006 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourages the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Women in Prison

*** AB 861** Bass
Barbering and cosmetology: licensure

Chapter 411

Authorizes the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to issue probationary licenses to applicants who meet certain terms and conditions in order to create professional vocational opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals.

AB 1998 Chan
Prerelease parole program: Alameda County

Chapter 732

Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to contract for the establishment and operation of a pre-release parole pilot program in Alameda County to provide coordination between departmental and community service providers to improve parolees' transition into reentry programs.

SB 1453 Speier
Parolees: residential drug treatment programs

Chapter 875

Requires inmates who have not been convicted of a serious or violent felony or sex offense, and who have successfully completed an in-prison drug treatment program, to be placed in a residential treatment program upon release from custody, and be discharged from parole upon successful completion of the treatment program.

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